

We have two corrections to today's (May 6, 2002) "RR News from DNR". First, the announcement for EPA's grants and loans contained an incorrect link. The Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Pilots were announced, but the Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilots have not yet been announced. The link in the earlier "RR News" was to last year's press release for the demonstration pilots. The new Assessment Demonstration Pilots should be announced in the near future, and we will include the correct press release in the "RR News" as soon as it is available. Also, the phone number for Anna Thomas Bates was incorrect in the Brownfields Green Space and Public Facility Grant Program. The correct contact number is (608) 264-6007. Thank you, and we regret any inconvenience this has caused.

WASTE STREAMLINING PROCESS FINALIZED

DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) and Waste Management (WA) Programs have completed joint guidance documents and application forms for approval of development on historic fill sites and licensed landfills. The new process is effective today, May 6. Historic fill sites are landfills that received waste before 1970 and were not licensed by DNR. The new approval process allows expedited exemptions from s. 289.46(2), Wis. Stats. and s. NR 506.085 Wis. Admin. Code, which restrict activities that interfere with a closed facility. An exemption is required to use the site for agricultural purposes, for construction on the site or for excavation of waste or cover materials. These restrictions have caused interested parties to shy away from building or developing on these properties. DNR has now simplified the approval process for development at these locations. The following new documents are available on the RR web site:

- Development at Historic Fill Sites and Licensed Landfills: What You Need

to Know (RR-683)

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR683.pdf>

- Development at Historic Fill Sites and Licensed Landfills: Guidance for Investigation (RR-684)

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR684.pdf>

- Development at Historic Fill Sites and Licensed Landfills: Considerations and Potential Problems (RR-685)

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR685.pdf>

- Development at Historic Fill Site or Licensed Landfills - Exemption Application (Forms 4400-226 and 4400-226A).

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-226.pdf>

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-226a.pdf>

A \$500 fee is required with an application unless a fee has already been paid under NR 749 or NR 750 for review of a remedial design report. When an environmental consultant believes that proposed development on a historic fill site or licensed landfill presents minimal risks to health and the environment, less information is required on the application and the approval should be granted quickly (within 2 weeks of receipt of the application). More detailed case-by-case reviews will take longer, up to 65 business days. Consultants are responsible for determining whether an application form should be sent to regional staff in the RR Program or the WA Program. Mail applications to RR staff when the fill site has never been licensed, or when remedial actions at a licensed solid waste facility are already being conducted under the NR 700 rules. All applications for development at licensed facilities that are not conducting remediation under NR 700 should be mailed to regional WA Program staff. If you

have site-specific questions, please contact the appropriate regional DNR staff. If you have questions about the overall exemption process you may contact Mark Gordon in the RR Program at 608-266-7278 or at gordom@dnr.state.wi.us, or you may contact Dennis Mack in the WA Program at 608-267-9386 or at mackd@dnr.state.wi.us.

BROWNFIELDS GREEN SPACE AND PUBLIC FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

On April 24, the Natural Resources Board authorized public hearings for proposed rule ch. NR 173. This rule will explain the eligibility and scoring criteria for the new Brownfields Green Space and Public Facility Grant Program. This program will give local governments \$1 million to clean up brownfields where the end use has a long-term public benefit. Public hearings will be held in June - exact dates and locations will be announced on our web site and in the "RR News from DNR". For more information, please contact Anna Thomas Bates, Brownfields Financial Specialist, at batesa@dnr.state.wi.us or (608) 246-8196. To see the complete rule proposal, please see "Proposed Code Revisions" on our Regulations web page.
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm#anchor74198

EPA ANNOUNCES GRANT AND LOAN AWARDS

EPA has announced federal Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund awards and Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot awards. Milwaukee and Kenosha have each received revolving loan fund awards for \$1 million. The next round of applications and new proposal guidelines are scheduled for this July, with an application deadline at the end of the year. These grants and loans need generous preparation time, so it's never too early to start planning or to set up a meeting with EPA. Please contact Anna Bates, DNR Brownfield Financial Specialist, at (608) 264-6007 or at batesa@dnr.state.wi.us if you have any questions about these programs, or if you are a local government interested in applying for the next round of grants and loans. See these links for: Federal brownfield revolving loans press release:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pdf/pr050302.pdf>
Federal brownfield assessment demonstration awards press release:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pdf/pr010420.pdf>

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